

SENATE BILL 925

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-207(b); Section 2-2-109; Section 2-2-129(a)(1); Section 2-5-208(c); Section 2-6-201; Section 2-6-202(a)(3); Section 2-6-202(d)(3); Section 2-6-502(c); Section 2-7-104(a); Section 2-7-112(a)(2)(D); Section 2-7-133(i); Section 2-8-107(b) and Section 5-1-104(b)(3), relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-109, is amended by adding the following language as subsection (b) and re-designating the current language in subsection (b) as subsection (c):

When the thirtieth (30) day before an election falls on a Sunday, applications for registration shall be accepted and processed through the twenty-ninth (29) day before the election. This shall extend the deadline for applications for registration completed at the county election commission office as well as the deadline for having a by-mail registration form postmarked.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-129 (a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "in person or by mail" and by substituting instead the language "in person, by mail or by email with an attached document which includes a scanned signature".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-207(b), is amended by adding the following language after the word "On":

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SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-208(c), is amended by adding the following as an appropriately numbered subdivision at the end of the subsection:

() If any judicial offices listed above are to be placed on the ballot as a yes/no retention question, the question shall be placed at the end of the ballot.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202(a)(3), is amended by deleting the second sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

A voter may make the request or submit an application to vote by mail, facsimile transmission or email with an attached document which includes a scanned signature.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202(d)(3), is amended by deleting the language “the fifth day before an election” and by substituting instead the language “the seventh day before an election”.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-502(c), is amended by deleting the language “not later than five (5) days” and by substituting instead the language “not later than seven (7) days”.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-104(a), is amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the subsection:

All appointed poll watchers must have reached the age of seventeen (17) years by election day.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-112(a)(2)(D), is amended by adding after the last sentence the following:

The county election commission may designate a centrally located site or sites for voters voting under this section.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-133(i), is amended by deleting the language “twenty (20) days before the general election” and by substituting instead the language “fifty (50) days before the general election”.

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-8-107(b), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) In computerized counties, the commission shall forward to the secretary of state electronically through the AES computer system a list of the names of all voters

who participated in the election, verified as to its accuracy, on or before forty-five (45) days after the election, to be stored by the secretary of state for nine (9) years, and shall deposit the list in the office of the county clerk, either printed or in a CD ROM format, to be stored by such clerk for six (6) years. The commission shall also forward to the secretary of state the list in a CD ROM format in the time prescribed by law.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated 5-1-104(b)(3), is amending by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

If a vacancy occurs more than ten (10) days prior to the regular qualifying deadline, then the regular qualifying deadline shall apply. If the vacancy occurs after the tenth (10) day prior to the regular qualifying deadline, independent candidates and candidates nominated by any political party for such vacancies shall qualify by filing all nominating petitions no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time on the fifty-fifth (55) day before such election. If the qualifying deadline is the fifty-fifth (55) day before the election, candidates must withdraw no later than twelve o'clock (12:00) noon, prevailing time on the fifty-second (52) day before such election.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.